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ALERT MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM FOR: National Security Council

SUBJECT Alert Memorandum -- China-Vietnam-USSR

The Chinese buildup along the Vietnamese border has grown unabated since our last Alert Memorandum of 19 January. We think that in military terms the Chinese are ready to go, and that their push, if it occurs, would be larger than we thought in mid-January. The political signals are mixed, but we think there is a high probability that the Chinese will act.

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